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**Division of Aging PASRR Update  
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- The Division of Aging has added the short form interRAI document to the resources section of the [PASRR Web page](#). The document is the outcome of the nursing facility Level of Care (NF LOC) cross-walk between the e-screen and the full interRAI tool. This short form will be used by the hospital staff for identifying NF LOC in the PASRR Redesign. The form is a subset of the full tool, which will be completed by the nursing facility. Please begin to familiarize yourself with the tool to assure all applicable information is being gathered, in order to reduce completion time. The long form will be available soon for your review as well. Upcoming webinars during the month of May will focus on the interRAI tools. You don't want to miss this information so be sure to sign up for those webinars when they are announced.
- The **interRAI Home Care Assessment System (HC)** was designed to be a user-friendly, reliable, person-centered assessment system that informs and guides comprehensive care and service planning in community-based settings around the world. It focuses on the person's functioning and quality of life by assessing needs, strengths, and preferences, and facilitates referrals when appropriate. When used over time, it provides the basis for an outcome-based assessment of the person's response to care or services. The interRAI HC can be used to assess persons with chronic needs for care as well as those with post-acute care needs (for example, after hospitalization or in a hospital-at-home situation). The instrument is generally used with the frail elderly or persons with disabilities who are seeking or receiving formal health care and supportive services.

The HC system supports a variety of research-informed decision support tools that assist the assessor in planning and monitoring care, including:

- Scales for ADLs, cognition, communication, pain, depression, and medical instability;
- Clinical Assessment Protocols that contain strategies to address problem conditions as triggered by one or more HC item responses;
- Screening systems to identify appropriate outreach and care pathways for prospective clients;



- A quality monitoring system (Home Care Quality Indicators, or HCQIs); and
- A case-mix system that creates distinct service-use intensity categories (RUG-III/HC).

The Division of Aging (DA) selected this assessment tool for a number of reasons. First, it closely aligns with the ideal inventory of assessment information the DA identified as important in the service planning process and in functional eligibility determinations. Second, it supports the goal of person-centered planning. Using the interRAI as a nursing facility level of care assessment across home and community-based services programs and nursing facility applicants allows for comparisons of these populations. It also keeps the focus on the ability of the individual to receive supports in a home and community-based setting even as they consider nursing facility placement. Finally, the evidence-based nature of the tool allows for greater inter-rater reliability and a more clinical assessment of the individual's needs, strengths and weaknesses.

The following is a comparison of the current e-screen assessment versus the interRAI HC:

E-screen	InterRAI-HC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on eligibility</li> <li>• Requires detailed/lengthy narrative</li> <li>• Lacks clear definitions</li> <li>• Requires extra documentation (ACCM, LOS assessments, etc.)</li> <li>• More time spent on data entry and paperwork</li> <li>• Homegrown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Person-centered assessment – which eligibility funnels out of</li> <li>• Reduces length of narrative</li> <li>• Clear definitions and manuals to support the users</li> <li>• Measures risk and outcomes</li> <li>• More time spent with the person – less time on data entry</li> <li>• Evidence based – internationally used</li> <li>• Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPS)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Again, it must be noted that only the tool is changing; Indiana's nursing facility level of care standard remains the same.</b></p>	

- Have you seen the bright yellow postcards labeled, "Indiana's PASRR Redesign Project" at various conferences and trainings throughout the state? Do you need more? Let us know by contacting Lynn Clough at [lynn.clough@fssa.in.gov](mailto:lynn.clough@fssa.in.gov), to receive an additional supply to circulate among your colleagues. They are a good reminder of how to find PASRR information, and who should begin preparing NOW for the July 1, 2016, Go-Live!

- [View copies of the videos and slides of past webinars](#) now available on Ascend's Indiana Tools and Resources Web page. These sessions provided an overview of upcoming changes for hospitals, NFs and AAAs, as well as a look at the changes that will occur in the process itself. Please share this information with your colleagues if they were unable to attend either webinar.
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